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## **CHAPTER 7. RECREATION FACILITIES**

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### **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

The City of Waterville has many public recreation facilities for both active and passive uses. These facilities, including a number of school facilities, are operated and maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Department also is responsible for recreational programming.

The Department currently employs 3 full-time, 2 part-time, and approximately 40 seasonal employees. The 2011-2012 budget for the Department is \$519,820 for administration and maintenance of facilities.

### **RECREATION PROGRAMS**

The Parks and Recreation Department offers over 50 programs, including swimming lessons, tennis lessons and tournaments, golf lessons, track and field activities, co-ed softball, girls youth softball, boys and girls basketball festivals, over-the-hill basketball, men's basketball tourney, tiny tots, arts and crafts, playground games, arts in the park, volleyball, shuffleboard, horseshoes, Bike Exchange, Senior Games Day, ski trips, cross country and snowshoe lessons, foliage trips, trips to sporting events in Boston and special events like the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Father-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Night, and Civic Day

Other related programs include participation in a free lunch program for youth, a National Youth Sports Coaching Association certification program, and several high level adult softball tournaments. The Department also serves as an information clearinghouse for leisure services offered within the community and as a point of contact for events requiring a permit, such as assemblages, road races, parades, and the like.

The Department also is responsible for City-owned trees. In 1990, the City adopted a Tree Ordinance and designated the Parks and Recreation Director the City Arborist. Because of budget limitations, most of the Department's efforts have been focused on the removal of hazardous trees. However, the Department continues to work on developing a tree inventory and planting trees. The City has received numerous Tree City USA awards for its efforts and applies for various tree planting and maintenance grants annually.

The quality and number of programs offered by the Department is dependent upon the time, energy, and efforts of many volunteers. In addition, the Department has a cooperative relationship with a number of civic groups that have undertaken a variety of projects.

### **RECREATION FACILITIES**

The City's recreation facilities are listed below. The list includes City-, school-, and privately-owned facilities, as the City's recreational needs are filled by a combination of providers.

## **Baseball**

- Junior High School - This field is located behind the Junior High School off the West River Road. It is a full-size (90' bases) baseball field with backstop and outfield fencing. It is used primarily by the Junior High during the school year, Babe Ruth during the summer, and field hockey in the fall. The field is maintained by the School Department with some assistance from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Gaul Field - Located on Brooklyn Avenue in front of the high school, this regulation ( 90' base paths) baseball field has outfield fencing and a support/storage building. It is used in the spring by Waterville High School, in the summer by Babe Ruth and American Legion baseball, and in the fall the outfield is used for field hockey. The School Department maintains the field with some assistance from the Parks and Recreation Department.

## **Basketball**

- North Street Basketball Court - This full-size asphalt basketball court with steel uprights and backboards is lighted for evening play until approximately 10:00 p.m.
- Grove Street - Full-size asphalt basketball court
- Chaplin Street Basketball Court - 1/2 Court
- Kelsey Street Basketball Court - 1/2 Court
- Sterling Street Basketball Court - 1/2 Court

There also are privately owned basketball courts both indoors and outdoors at Colby College and indoors at Thomas College.

## **Boat Landings**

- Water Street Boat Landing - This 11-acre facility is located near the end of Water Street, beyond Couture Softball Field. This landing provides access to the river for small boats, parking, and picnic sites. It has a 10-foot-wide hard surface launching ramp.
- Thayer Park Boat Landing - Located on North Street at the base of Mayflower Hill and across North Street from MaineGeneral Medical Center, this landing provides paved parking and carry-in access to Messalonskee Stream.

## **Bowling Center**

- Riverside Bowling Center, located on West River Road, was constructed in the late 1980's. It is privately-owned and open to the public. The facility, which includes a small restaurant/sports bar called "Sportsters," hosts several recreational leagues.

### **Community Gardens**

- North Street Recreation Area: There are 12 4' x 8' raised bed gardens that can be rented for the season.
- Moor Street: There are 12 4' x 8' raised bed gardens that can be rented for the season.

### **Cross Country Ski Trails**

- Quarry Road Recreation Area - 12 Kilometers of groomed Nordic trails (including a 2.5K sprint loop). See also trails and recreation areas.
- North Street Recreation Area - 1 K
- Junior High School - 6 K
- Pine Ridge - 2 K. There are several trails through the wooded area behind the golf course and softball field. These are generally natural material trails with varying grades. They are used by the school cross country running program and by the public for cross country skiing, walking, and mountain biking.
- Colby College has private cross country ski trails.

Maps of City-owned trails are posted on the City web page under the Parks and Recreation Department. The Department grooms trails for “classic and skate styles” on a regular basis throughout the winter months. Other trails are shown on the Kennebec-Messalonskee Trails web site.

### **Dog Park**

A dog park is located at Pine Ridge Recreation Area on West River Road. The park features a 1-acre fenced area with two pens, a main pen for socialization and play and a separate training pen, kiosk, and benches.

### **Field Hockey**

- The Junior High School baseball field is used for field hockey in the fall.
- Gaul Field - In the fall, the outfield of the Waterville High School baseball field is used for field hockey.

### **Fitness Centers**

There are privately owned health clubs and fitness centers in the City, including Champions Fitness Center in the Elm Plaza on Upper Main Street, the Holiday Inn indoor pool and health club on Upper Main Street, and Planet Fitness on Kennedy Memorial

Drive. Colby and Thomas employees also have access to the fitness centers at their colleges. Littlefield's Gym is nearby on Fairfield Street in Oakland .

### **Football Fields**

- Drummond Football Field: This regulation size football field is located on Western Avenue. It is used for high school football in the fall, high school track and field in the spring, and the youth track program in the summer. It is maintained by the School Department with some assistance from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- High School Practice Football Field: Located on Highland Avenue beside the high school, this 300-foot by 150-foot field is used for high school and junior high school football practice in the fall and for recreation programs in the spring. It is maintained by the School Department.
- Junior High Football Field: Located behind the junior high school on West River Road, this field is used by both the junior high football and soccer programs. It is maintained by the School Department with some assistance from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Reed Field (youth football): Located on the Armory Road.
- Colby College football field

### **Golf Courses**

- Pine Ridge Golf Course is a 9 hole par 3 course located on the West River Road in the Pine Ridge Recreation Area. The course has a new clubhouse and irrigation system. The course is City-owned, but leased to an outside operator. During the summer months, Waterville Parks and Recreation hosts golf lessons and a night golf tournament at the course.
- The Waterville Country Club, located just over the town line in Oakland, offers an 18-hole course to members.

### **Horseshoe Pits**

- North Street Horseshoe Pits: There are 6 horseshoe pits located behind the North Street tennis courts. Equipment is available for use by contacting the Parks and Recreation office.

### **Ice Skating/Hockey**

- The City has no ice skating rink, but the public has limited access to the indoor hockey rink and to Johnson Pond at Colby College. Colby's Harold Alfond Athletic Center includes a regulation size indoor hockey rink with limited seating. It is used by Waterville High School and the Waterville Youth Hockey Association and is open for

public skating on Sunday afternoons. Johnson Pond is a small pond that is lighted to accommodate evening skating. The College provides a warming hut and limited maintenance of the Pond.

- Sukee Arena in Winslow offers indoor ice skating in the winter. The Sukee Indoor Arena is used by youth and adult ice hockey leagues, as well as Winslow High School. The Arena includes a full size rink and has limited seating. It is open for public skating on a limited basis.
- The Waterville Youth Hockey Association provides a learn to skate program, house teams, and travel teams serving children from ages 3 through 16.

### **Little League**

- Peters Little League Field: This four-acre field is located on the Armory Road. It is a standard Little League field with a backstop and perimeter fencing. There is a gravel parking area and entrance road from Armory Road. Aluminum spectator bleachers are outside the fence along each base line. The field is used spring through summer for Little League games and practices and there is some school use at recesses. The Parks and Recreation Department maintains the facility with some assistance from the Little League Association.
- Purnell Little League Field: This six-acre Little League field is located on Matthews Avenue and used for Little League games and practices. It has a backstop and perimeter fencing. There are dugouts, broadcast tower, and a support building built by Little League parents. Parking is along the entrance road. The field is lighted for evening play. The Parks and Recreation Department maintains the facility with much assistance from the Little League Association.

### **Picnic Areas**

- North Street Picnic Shelters: There are two large picnic shelters located next to the playground. The shelters are approximately 25-feet by 20-feet with several tables under each. Permanent charcoal grills are provided for barbecues.
- Water Street boat launch has picnic tables.
- Castonguay Square has picnic tables and benches.

### **Playgrounds, Small Parks, and Neighborhood Tot Lots**

- Judge Morton A. Brody Playground at the North Street Recreation Area. Installed in 2001, Brody Playground is one of the largest, most visited playgrounds in Central Maine.

- Castonguay Square: This two-acre park is located on Common Street and consists of monuments, open space, benches, and picnic tables. It is used for passive recreation, picnics, and special events.
- Chaplin Street Tot Lot: Approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre; consists of playground equipment.
- Cutting Memorial Park: This 1.5-acre open space on the Messalonskee Stream abutting Gilman Street was donated to the City by Nancy Coveney in memory of her parents.
- Downie Park: This two-acre open space abuts Messalonskee Stream from the Gilman Street Bridge to Highland Avenue.
- Green Street Field and Playground: This 4.6-acre field and playground is located on Green Street in the South End. In addition to a field and walking path, it includes a skate park and playground equipment. The field is used in the spring and summer for open play and a neighborhood Take Back the Night festival, in the fall for flag football, and in the winter for sledding.
- Grove Street Playground: Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre, the park has a paved basketball court and playground equipment.
- Harris Park: This approximately half-acre open space is located at the intersection of North Street and West Street. It is a small vest pocket area left-over from a Maine Department of Transportation railroad overpass project.
- Hillside Street Tot Lot: Approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre; consists of playground equipment.
- Kelsey Street Tot Lot: Approximately 1 acre; consists of playground equipment and a basketball hoop.
- Moor Street Playground: Installed in 2007, the park consists of playground equipment for young children.
- David Kenneth Quirion Park "Dave's Place": Located on Drummond Ave; consists of open space and benches
- Sterling Street Tot Lot: Approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres; consists of playground equipment and  $\frac{1}{2}$  court basketball area.
- Thayer Park: This approximately 5,000 square-foot area is located in the North Street Recreation Area across North Street from Thayer Unit of MaineGeneral Medical Center. It includes an open lawn area, a community garden consisting of 12 raised beds and a tool shed, a carry-in boat access to Messalonskee Stream, and a glide-swing.

- Veteran's Memorial Park: This 2-acre park, also known as Coburn Park and Monument Park, is located at the corner of Park Street and Elm Street; it consists of monuments, open space, and benches. This park is used for special events and by the Hall School for physical education classes.
- Western Avenue: Approximately 1 acre; consists of playground equipment.
- Play equipment also is available to the public at the Hall School and the Mitchell School when school is not in session and at the Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP) on Water Street.

#### **Recreation Areas** (A minimum of 15 to 25 acres)

- North Street Recreation Area: This 16.5-acre complex is located on North Street. It includes a number of facilities, including the Alford Municipal Pool, the Judge Morton A. Brody Playground, picnic shelters, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts, tennis courts, lighted basketball court, soccer fields, carry-in boat access, community gardens, Thayer Park, and a trail along the Messalonskee Stream.
- Pine Ridge Recreation Area: This 144-acre complex is located on Louise Avenue off the West River Road. It includes a number of facilities, including Rummels Softball Field, a soccer field, tennis courts, the Pine Ridge Golf Course, the Pine Ridge Trail System (including single and wide-track mountain bike trails, and a dog park.
- Quarry Road Multipurpose Recreation Area: This recreation area is located between the Messalonskee Stream and Main Street on 220 acres of land, a portion of which formerly was the Colby College ski slope. It offers nearly 8 miles of twenty-foot-wide multi-use trails and a winter sliding area near the base of the old ski slope.
- Head of Falls: This 19-acre City-owned parcel is on the Kennebec River with vehicular access on Front Street at the Temple Street intersection. The park includes a large open space, approximately 800 feet by 300 feet in size for special events, a paved parking lot, access to the historic Two Cent Bridge, and Bicentennial Park to the north, through which the Benedict Arnold Trail runs over the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District (KSTD) sewer line.

#### **Recreation Centers**

- There is no City-owned recreation center. However, the non-profit Alford Youth Center at 126 North Street abutting the City-owned North Street Recreation Area houses the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club. It offers a wide range of recreational programs for children ages 6-17 each day after school and during school vacations, as well as preschool and adult swimming programs. Facilities include two swimming pools, a gymnasium, an art room, game room, dance studio, and karate dojo. Financial aid is available for

children from low income families. The City Parks and Recreation Department uses the basketball courts at the Alford Youth Center for tournaments.

- All Pro Sports Center: Located at 161 West River Road, All Pro offers a wide variety of soccer-based clinics, leagues, and tournaments. The indoor facility features a full-size synthetic turf field and a full-size outdoor field located on the north side of the building.
- Muskie Center: Located at 38 Gold Street, Spectrum Generations owns and operates this senior center.

### **Shuffleboard Courts**

- North Street Shuffleboard Courts: The two shuffleboard courts are located between the tennis courts and picnic shelters.

### **Skate Park**

- Green Street skate park

### **Soccer Fields**

- Webber Soccer Field: High School field located on West River Road.
- Pine Ridge Soccer Field: Located at Pine Ridge Recreation Area off of Louise Avenue, this is a full-size field (360 feet by 225 feet) laid out on a north-south orientation. It is used in the summer by the adult soccer league and in the fall by Waterville High School teams and Waterville Youth Soccer Association. Parking is shared with the tennis courts.
- Junior High School Soccer Field: Located behind the Junior High on West River Road.
- Herlihy Field: U-11 field located in front of the Junior High on West River Road.
- North Street Youth Soccer Fields: There are 5 less than full-size soccer fields at the North Street Recreation Area. Fields are comprised of 2 40-yard x 60-yard fields and 3 30-yard x 50-yard fields. These fields are used primarily by the Youth Soccer Organization evenings and weekends and some afternoons in the fall and spring. Free play is allowed at other times.
- There are additional privately owned outdoor soccer fields at Colby College, Thomas College, and All-Pro Sport off of West River Road.
- There are indoor soccer fields at All Pro Sport on West River Road (see Recreation Centers above) and Sukee Arena in Winslow.



## **Softball**

- **Reed Field:** This field is located on the Armory Road. This is a multi-purpose field which accommodates a 275-foot long softball field and a youth football field (80 yards). It is fenced on all sides. There is a small concession building on the site.
- **Couture Field:** This three-acre facility is located off Water Street very close to the Kennebec River. There is a gravel parking lot adjacent to the field. Wooden bleachers for spectators are on the first base side of the field. The field is used in the spring through fall for softball games and practices.
- **Rummels Field:** This approximately 275-foot long playing field with skinned infield, perimeter fencing, lights for night games and spectator bleachers is used spring through fall for softball.
- **Waterville High School Softball Field:** Located in front of the High School, this regulation softball field (60' base paths) is used in the spring for high school girls' softball and in the summer for recreation league softball. It is maintained by the School Department with some assistance from the Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Herlihy Field:** Approximately 275-foot long playing field located in front of the Waterville Junior High off the West River Road. This field was constructed in the fall of 1998.

## **Swimming Pools**

- The Alford Municipal Pool Complex is used during the summer for lessons and free swims. It includes a 6-lane, 25-meter lap pool, zero-entry swim area, a kiddy pool with a frog slide, a kiddy pool with squirt animals, a spray pool, and a slide pool. The pools range in depth from 0' to 6'. There is a bath house with changing rooms, rest rooms, lockers for clothing storage, and a snack shack.

There also are privately-owned pools at the Alford Youth Center, Colby College, and at the Holiday Inn (which sells pool memberships).

## **Tennis Courts**

- **North Street:** There are four tennis courts with asphalt surfaces, a 10-foot-high fence around the perimeter, and a parking area. Courts were refurbished with new surface, hardware, and paint in spring of 2010.
- **Pine Ridge:** There are four asphalt tennis courts with lights for evening use and a parking area.

Tennis courts located at North Street and Pine Ridge Recreation Area are used summer through fall by the public and by the Waterville High School Tennis Team.

- Colby College has eight regulation tennis courts on campus, across Mayflower Hill Drive from the football/track complex. The courts are outdoors and fully enclosed with fencing. Restrooms are available. The College makes the courts available to the public when there are no conflicts with scheduled Colby activities.
- Indoor courts are available for a fee at Champions.

### **Track**

- High School Track: The track and field area is on the outside perimeter of the Waterville High School football field. A new concession/bathroom building was completed in the fall of 2002 and a new surface was installed on the 400-yard all weather track in 2010.
- The Colby Outdoor Track is an oval, 6-lane track surrounding Colby's Seavirns football field. Public use of the track is allowed when not in conflict with College activities.

### **Trails: Recreational, Fitness, and Nature Study**

- Benedict Arnold Trail: A portion of the historic Benedict Arnold Trail, the trail that Arnold followed from Saratoga, New York, through Maine to Quebec during the Revolutionary War, passes through Waterville's Bicentennial Park along the Kennebec River.
- Inland Hospital: Inland has two trails. One trail winds through the woods. The other is paved and handicapped-accessible and encircles Lakewood Continuing Care Center.
- Merrit Nature Trail: This 0.6 mile trail with natural surface begins beyond the end of the Junior High School building near the baseball field. The trail passes through a field, a northern hardwood forest, a hemlock and fir forest, and along the Messalonskee Stream. This year-round nature study trail is maintained by the School Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.
- George Mitchell (formerly Brookside) School Nature Trail: Located behind the School
- Oxbow Nature Preserve: The entrance to this natural surface trail along the Messalonskee Stream is located near the parking lot of the Lutheran Church on Cool Street. The Preserve is an ideal area for environmental education, providing views of wildflowers, ferns, trees, birds, muskrat, beaver, and flying squirrels.

- North Street Trail: This trail runs along the Messalonskee Stream, behind the North Street Recreation Area and the Alfond Youth Center, to Edgemont Avenue. It extends over existing City streets to the Head of Falls via the Connector Trail.
- Perkins Arboretum at Colby: The west entrance to this trail is off of Mayflower Hill Drive near the intersection with Mount Merici Avenue. The trails through the arboretum and bird sanctuary are maintained for nature study, walking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Mountain biking is prohibited. The land is a State Wildlife Management Area and includes successional, transitional, and climax forest, as well as Runnels Stream.
- Pine Ridge Recreation Area Trails: This network of trails around the golf-course begins behind Rummels softball field, off of the West River Road, between the field and the trees. It can be used for mountain-biking, walking, jogging, and cross-country skiing. There is a one-mile loop around the ball field, through the woods and fields, and over streams.
- Quarry Road Multi-Use Trail: Trails provide recreational opportunities including cross-country skiing, running, bicycling and walking along the Messalonskee Stream. The north end of the trail opens to a beautiful meadow with a small year-round shelter for resting, picnicking, and warming in the winter.
- Seton Unit Trail (MaineGeneral): This trail is on the west side of the hospital.
- South End Island Trail: This trail, located south of the Hathaway Creative Center, is inaccessible during the spring when the water level of the Kennebec River is high.
- Thomas College Trail: This 3,200-foot long trail runs along the Kennebec River behind the College. The trail includes a spectacular view of the confluence of the Kennebec River and the Messalonskee Stream.
- Connector Trail: This 1.75 mile trail for walkers, runners, and bikers connects the North Street Recreation Area to the Head of Falls. Street portions of the trail are clearly marked with paint and signage.

### **Trails: Mountain Bike**

- Quarry Road Recreation Area - 15 Kilometers of trails for single track and double track.

### **Kennebec Messalonskee Trails**

In addition to the trails listed above, Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, led by Peter Garrett, together with public and private partners, has developed a series of trails in abutting towns.

Those trails in Fairfield, Benton, Winslow, and Oakland are mapped and described on the web page of the organization at [www.kmtrails.org](http://www.kmtrails.org).

### **East Coast Greenway**

When complete, the East Coast Greenway, the “Urban Appalachian Trail”, will extend over 2,600 miles from Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine. In our area, the East Coast Greenway will run up Route 201 through Vassalboro to Fort Halifax Park in Winslow. It then will turn up Halifax Street (Route 100A) to Benton. Along the way, a spur will extend over to the Two Cent Bridge in downtown Waterville.

### **ADEQUACY OF RECREATIONAL RESOURCES**

Table 7-1 provides a comparison of the number of public recreational facilities in Waterville with National Recreation and Parks Association standards, along with Waterville's unmet need. It should be noted, however, that private facilities [notably basketball courts, tennis courts, ice skating facilities, recreation buildings, and open space areas such as the Colby Arboretum] meet some of the City's recreational needs.

**TABLE 7-1: COMPARISON OF WATERVILLE PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES TO NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS ASSOCIATION STANDARDS**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>NEED BASED ON NATIONAL STANDARD</b>	<b>AVAILABLE</b>	<b>UNMET NEED - BASED ON NATIONAL STANDARD</b>
Baseball Fields (90 Foot Bases)	1/5,000 population = 3	2	1
Basketball Courts (Outdoor)	1/5,000 population = 3	2	1
Football Fields	1/20,000 population = 1	1	0
Golf	1/50,000 population = 1	1	0
Soccer Fields	1/10,000 population = 1	2	0
Softball Fields	1/5,000 population = 3	4	0
Swimming Pool	1/20,000 population = 1	1	0
Tennis Courts	1/2,000 population = 8	8	0

Source: National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guidelines from "Comprehensive Planning: A Manual for Maine Communities" published by the Maine State Planning Office in 2005.

### **Location of Recreational Resources**

Map 7-1 shows the location of City-owned recreation facilities. It is important to bear in mind that the location of recreation facilities and open space is a factor in determining the adequacy of those resources. Ideally, they should be located within easy walking distance of residences.

Pedestrian access to recreation facilities and open space is especially important in densely developed, low-income neighborhoods such as Trigger Hill, the North End, the downtown/Front Street area, and the South End, all of which are located in the northeasterly quadrant of the City along the Kennebec River. Waterville is very densely developed, at 1,021.9 persons per square mile (as compared with 323.6 persons per square mile in Augusta, 134.9 in Kennebec County, and 41.3 in the State as a whole), and those older neighborhoods are the most densely developed part of Waterville. It is there that much of the multi-family housing is located on very small lots.

Not only do the residents of low-income neighborhoods not have much private open space, they also tend to lack transportation. Without cars and discretionary income for taxis, they are unable to take advantage of many of Waterville's excellent recreational facilities and open spaces.

### **Map 7-1: Public Parks and Recreation Facilities**

### **FUTURE RECREATIONAL NEEDS**

Planning for the future recreational needs of the City requires taking into consideration the anticipated change in demographics. The population projection by age group in Chapter 1 indicates that by 2020, more than 38% of Waterville's population will be age 65 and older. The oldest baby boomers will be 74. There will be substantially fewer children and young adults.

Although many senior citizens still will be playing hockey (Mike Roy) and basketball, most will prefer non-contact sports. Trails for hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing will become more important to Waterville residents. Also important to the older generation will be fitness centers which will allow them to maintain muscle mass and cardiovascular health as they age.

Table 7-2 below contains recommendations for future recreation improvements and cost estimates if available.

**TABLE 7-2: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS**

FACILITY	RECOMMENDATION	NOTES
Baseball	American Legion Baseball indicated that it would be helpful to have more fields, as other teams use the fields.	
City-wide	For trails and scenic views along the Kennebec River and the Messalonskee Stream, retain tax-acquired properties and encourage donations of land.	Note that the City Council has on occasion in the past sold or refused to accept donations of such land.
Green Street Park	Better utilize the field. Work with the Alfond Youth Center to schedule more programming for youth in this low-income neighborhood.	
Green Street Park	Add a basketball court as recommended in the South End Neighborhood Strategic Plan, which is posted on the City's web site.	
Head of Falls	Set aside adequate land for festivals, a minimum of 800 feet by 300 feet.	Given that it is a goal of the Downtown Master Plan to increase the number of persons living downtown, it also should be a goal to maintain the supply of public open space downtown in locations such as the Head of Falls. [The Downtown Master Plan is posted on the City's web site.]
Hockey	The Waterville Youth Hockey Association sees a need for a municipal outdoor ice skating rink for practice. Alternatively, the new hockey rink could be all-weather, ice and in-line.	Acquire the former South End Arena on King Street, which currently is for sale.
Island Park off of Water Street	Construct 2 bridges to provide access to the island at both ends and to connect the island trail to the stairway to Water Street as recommended in the South End Neighborhood Strategic Plan.	

Lombard Tractor	Relocate for better public viewing and to create a tourist attraction	
Nature Study Area	Drummond Avenue wetlands	
North Street Shuffelboard Courts	Build a bench with a cover at each end of the courts to provide shade for users of the courts.	\$5,000
North Street Tennis Courts	Install a lighting system.	
North Street Recreation Area	Construct a volleyball court	
Recreation Committee	Reestablish the Recreation Committee to help set priorities.	
Reed Field	Add lighting	
Rummels Field	Repair access road and ditch as needed.	
Skate Park	Purchase additional pieces of equipment for the facility.	
Softball Fields	Provide lighting where needed.	
Community Gardens	Develop additional community gardens, as supported by Sustain Mid-Maine.	A garden is currently under consideration for the Kelsey Street Tot Lot. A second garden, in addition to the one on Moor Street, may be justified in the South End. The South End is the most densely developed neighborhood in the City.
South End Pocket Parks	Develop new pocket parks in the priority improvement areas designated in the South End Neighborhood Strategic Plan. [The South End Neighborhood Strategic Plan is posted on the City's web page.]	
Webb Road Closed Landfill	The landfill property is underutilized: develop cross-country ski trails.	
Wolman Steel Property	Maintain the footpath across the property from High Street to the Mitchell School.	
Wyandotte sewerage lagoons	Preserve the land along the river for passive recreation including a trail.	
470	Relocate, repair, and cover.	